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1. FIGUERES ON MUTUAL FUND INVOLVEMENT

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE ON MAY 17, PRESIDENT FIGUERES RESPONDED TO PRESS ATTACKS REGARDING HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE VESCO MUTUAL FUND. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BROUGHT MUTUAL FUNDS TO COSTA RICA AS A MEANS OF REVERSING THE FLOW OF CAPITAL FROM THE COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT ALL THE INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY LEGAL AND OFFERED TO OPEN THE ACCOUNTS TO ANY INVESTIGATOR. WITH REGARD TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY REGARDING THE PASSAGE OF SOME 325,000 DOLLARS THROUGH HIS PERSONAL NEW YORK ACCOUNT TO COSTA RICA, FIGUERES SAID THAT THIS REPRESENTED THE TOTAL AMOUNT PASSING THROUGH THE ACCOUNT AND THAT IT REPRESENTED MONEY FROM VARIOUS SOURCES DONATED TO THE STATE BUT MADE OUT IN HIS NAME. THE EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE COMMENTS ON FIGUERES' PIQUE AT THE WALL STREET JOURNAL STORY AND PREDICTS THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT THE SHRILL PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAN JOSE 1749, 5/18.

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2. BRITISH THOUGHTS ON UNSC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

THE BRITISH HOPE FOR A DRAWN OUT UNSC DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, PERHAPS LASTING SEVERAL MONTHS. THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH GETTING SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN ME DISCUSSIONS AND BELIEVE THAT A CONSENSUS ON A NEW PROCEDURE RATHER THAN A SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION IS THE BEST APPROACH. IN THIS REGARD THEY ARE LOOKING AT A NEW MISSION FOR JARRING AND A SUPPORTING SECURITY COUNCIL GROUP. (SECRET) LONDON 5890 AND USUN 1892, 5/18 (EXDIS).

3. POSSIBLE PEACE ARRANGEMENTS WITH JORDAN AND EGYPT
A LA DAYAN

GAD YAACOB, A CLOSE POLITICAL ALLY OF DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN, HAS TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT DAYAN IS CONCENTRATING THESE DAYS ON WHAT ISRAELI POLICY SHOULD BE TOWARD THE WEST BANK BEFORE A FINAL SETTLEMENT IS ACHIEVED. DAYAN'S IDEA ON FINAL PEACE ARRANGEMENTS WITH EITHER JORDAN OR EGYPT WERE THEREFORE SOMEWHAT TENTATIVE. YAACOB SAID DAYAN IS PREPARING MOVES TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER LIBERALIZATION IN THE OPEN BRIDGES POLICY AND DEGREE OF AUTONOMY FOR WEST BANK MUNICIPALITIES. AS FOR DAYAN'S THINKING ON AN ULTIMATE PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN, YAACOB SAID DAYAN WOULD RETURN ONLY ONE OR TWO SMALL ENCLAVES OF THE WEST BANK. BUT DAYAN, ACCORDING TO YAACOB, ENVISAGES THE REST OF THE WEST BANK POPULATION, ALTHOUGH LIVING UNDER ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY, AS BEING FULLFLEDGED JORDANIAN CITIZENS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INHABITANTS OF RAMALLAH AND BETHLEHEM WHO WOULD BECOME ISRAELI CITIZENS. ACCORDING TO YAACOB, DAYAN ASSUMES THERE WILL BE NO EFFORTS TOWARD ACCOMMODATION WITH EGYPT BEFORE THE KNESSET ELECTIONS AND CURRENTLY IS NOT FOCUSING ON THIS SUBJECT. HIS MOST RECENT IDEAS CENTERED ON THE NOTION THAT SINAI SHOULD BECOME A MILITARY VACUUM, WITH ONLY ISRAELI AND
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EGYPTIAN ELECTRONIC CREWS STATIONED ON CENTRAL SINAI MOUNTAIN TOPS TO MONITOR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF MAIN AIRFIELDS OF THE OTHER SIDE'S COUNTRY. YAACOB BELIEVED THAT DAYAN ASSUMES THERE WILL BE A PERMANENT ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE AT SHARM EL-SHEIKH, BUT HE SPECULATED THAT IF THE EGYPTIANS SATISFY DAYAN ON OTHER POINTS AND REAL PEACE IS IN PROSPECT, DAYAN

CONCEIVABLY WOULD FAVOR ACCEDING TO AN EGYPTIAN REQUEST
THAT SHARM BE INCLUDED IN A SINAI MILITARY VACUUM.
OTHER MAIN POINTS ON WHICH DAYAN WOULD REQUIRE EGYPTIAN

AGREEMENT WOULD BE: ISRAELI ADMINISTRATION (NOT
NECESSARILY FORMAL SOVEREIGNTY) OVER SHARM AND A
CORRIDOR TO IT; AND A REDRAWING OF THE PRE-1967 BORDER
TO INCLUDE THE RAFAH JUNCTION PLUS THE AREA WEST OF
EILAT IN ISRAEL. (SECRET) TEL AVIV 3903, 5/18 (EXDIS).

4. INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

THERE WERE 60 ARCLIGHT AND 177 TACTICAL AIR MISSIONS
FLOWN OVER CAMBODIA DURING THE PERIOD ENDING AT
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